



California State Parks PARK CAREERS

A Self-Guided Activity for Junior Rangers

Take some time to look at the different people working in the campground. List the different jobs you noticed them Doing.

Draw a picture of yourself doing the most interesting job you saw:

State parks hire many people with different talents. List some talents or abilities you have that would help you if you worked in this park.

Example: Friendly, strong swimmer, enjoy meeting new people, like photography and hiking.

Think about who puts the picnic tables here, who makes sure the trails are safe, who finds lost hikers, who cleans the restrooms, and who does the campfire programs. List any other jobs you can think of that must be done in the park.



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Do you think it would be fun to work outdoors? **Yes** **No**

Do you think it would be fun to work indoors? **Yes** **No**

Do you think that most of the people working in the park also work in offices?
Yes **No** [If you are not sure, ask the next park worker you see.]



What about the people you don't see?

Who orders the supplies?

Who pays the bills?

Who hires people?

Do you know that there are people who work in the park and do not get paid? **Yes** **No**

What types of volunteer positions do you notice in your park? [Hint: These people wear different uniforms from the paid employees.]

Talk to an employee if possible. Ask the person politely if they have a few minutes to answer some questions. Ask how they like their job, what their favorite part of it is, where else they have worked, how they got the job, or anything else you might want to ask. Remember these people may get called away on emergencies or need to concentrate on what they are doing. Be courteous and patient.

Name of person ...

Name of job ...

Favorite part of job ...